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November 5, 2004

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Re: Preliminary Comments on Administrative Draft NPDES General Permit and WDR for Existing Milk Cow Dairies

Dear Ms. Lowry:

The California Farm Bureau Federation appreciates the opportunity to offer the following initial comments on the staff's September 28, 2004 administrative draft NPDES General Permit and WDR for Existing Milk Cow Dairies, pursuant to the Board's September 28, 2004 Notice. It is understood that pursuant to the Board's notice, these comments will be included in the pre-hearing package for the Board's consideration prior to the scheduled December 2-3, 2004 Board Hearing, at which the staff will provide an information report to the Board on the Administrative Draft. Farm Bureau presently plans to submit further technical and legal comments prior to the December hearing, and looks forward to addressing its concerns to the Board prior to and/or at the December hearing.

Farm Bureau generally concurs and joins in the written comments submitted by the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program on or about this date. There are many specific issues raised in the Administrative Draft, on which Farm Bureau will comment in writing prior to the December Board hearing. However, with these initial comments we wish to simply state that the single most important step that the Regional Board can make in arriving at an effective, stable, and feasible regulatory program for those dairies which require permitting is to immediately involve the staff of the CDQAP in this process.

Very Truly Yours,

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